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The Honorable Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor, Town of Braintree
Braintree Town Hall
One John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Dear Mayor Sullivan:

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency Map Modernization Program, the Town of Braintree is receiving new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report as part of a countywide update for Norfolk County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions). In a previous correspondence, we had indicated that map adoption would occur during late 2010 or early 2011. In order to incorporate more precise flood risk information, hold additional due process activities, and accommodate each community's annual meetings to adopt the new DFIRMS and FIS report, the Letter of Final Determination (LFD) for Norfolk County has been delayed and maps will not go effective in the calendar year of 2011. As we work to incorporate this additional flood risk data, please note that your current maps will remain in effect.

We will provide an updated schedule for Letter of Final Determination issuance and the map adoption process shortly. If you should have any questions or concerns in the interim, please feel free to contact David Mendelsohn of my staff at (617) 832-4713 or email at david.mendelsohn@dhs.gov.

Very truly yours,

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